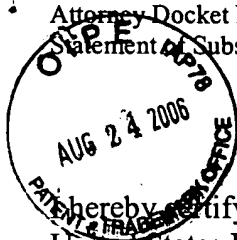


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Claims discussed

1, 10 and 15

Prior Art discussed

Sjostedt (US 2003/0010966)

Mastalski et al. (US 4,066,368)

Outcome

Clarified "cylindrical member" in claim 1 to be "rigid member." Discussed proposed amendment to claim 1. Discussed combining claims 10 and 15 in addition to proposed amendments to claim 15 to further clarify over the prior art.

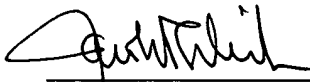
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